

prepared to handle the resulting mass casualties that would likely result from such an attack.

Thousands of lives could potentially be saved if our medical personnel are adequately prepared and trained for such an occurrence.

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) provides funding to State and local governments to assist in preparing for and responding to mass casualty incidents resulting from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other events.

Using the grants, jurisdictions develop response plans, conduct exercises and training, and acquire medical countermeasures and personal protective equipment for dealing with biological events that occur on a large scale.

As it stands, the MMRS program has not been reauthorized or appropriated funds due to recent budgetary constraints.

MMRS Characteristics include: Integrated medical response system; detailed system response & operations plans; specially trained responders at all levels; specialized response equipment; specialized medical equipment and pharmaceutical cache; enhanced medical transport and treatment capabilities.

MMRS has 12 MMRS Capability Focus Areas, which include the following: Strengthen Medical Surge; strengthen Mass Prophylaxis; strengthen CBRNE Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities; strengthen Interoperable Communication Capabilities; strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities; expand Regional Collaboration; triage and Pre-Hospital Treatment; medical Supplies Management and Distribution; mass Care (Sheltering, Feeding, and Related Services); emergency Public Information and Warning; fatality Management; volunteer Management and Donations.

H.R. 5997 would authorize use of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding toward the enhancement of medical preparedness, medical surgery capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities.

This would effectively allow to MMRS program to continue using these funds, which provide important measures such as a pharmaceutical stockpile, medical kits, and diagnostics that will help to protect first responders, their families, and immediate victims from a chemical or biological act of terror or accident.

As Americans, we must ensure that we are adequately prepared for whatever challenges that we face in our Nation; and nowhere is that more true than with the potential for large-scale disasters.

Preparing for large and debilitating disasters has become an inconvenient but necessary facet of modern America, a task that our government has met head on since 9/11. This bill will help to ensure that the resources are there in order to make those preparations.

DEPUTY LARRY GILDER

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2012*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Jefferson County Deputy Larry Gilder, who was presented with a Life

Saving Award during a ceremony on October 30, 2012. Deputy Gilder put himself into harm's way on two separate occasions this year alone, earning him accolades and the title of "hero."

During a routine patrol in Beaumont, Texas, on October 12, 2012, Deputy Gilder came across an 18-wheeler loaded with heavy equipment that was stuck on a railroad track. Gilder used his vehicle to block traffic so they could attempt to dislodge the vehicle with no success. The truck could not move. Deputy Gilder went to make an assistance call and saw the worst possible sight—a train headed straight towards them.

Thinking quickly, Deputy Gilder alerted his dispatch and began racing to get the driver out of the vehicle. Thanks to the noise and commotion, the driver never heard the train. They were able to move him into safety while Gilder had enough time to move his vehicle out of the way of the train. Mere seconds later, the trailer was destroyed. No injuries were reported, including the son of the driver, who was asleep in the cab. Deputy Gilder saved three lives that day, including his own.

This was not the first incident where Deputy Gilder went above and beyond in the line of duty. Earlier this year, Deputy Gilder and his partner came upon a trailer on fire. A woman found herself trapped inside with the fire growing and time running out. They were able to rescue the woman, and Deputy Gilder suffered injuries due to his daring escape. When asked about the injuries, he responded that he would do anything for the citizens of Jefferson County.

President Ronald Reagan once said that "Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They are just braver for five minutes longer." Thanks to two daring moves by Deputy Larry Gilder, lives were saved. He is a true American hero.

And that's just the way it is.

A TALL TEXAN AMERICAN HERO

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and great leader in this body: Science Committee Chairman RALPH HALL, who just became the oldest known House member to cast a recorded floor vote. I am honored to serve on the Science Committee with the Chairman, and I have seen first hand his dedication not only to America's scientific endeavors, but also to our country and the great state of Texas.

Chairman HALL was born in Rockwall County, Texas, a place he has represented in Congress since he was elected in 1980. He was an aircraft carrier pilot in the Navy from 1942–1945 and received his law degree from Southern Methodist University in 1951. In the 1950s, he served as Rockwall County judge and in the 1960s he served in the Texas state senate. During this time he was also a successful business leader in Rockwall County.

He brought his strong sense of leadership and service to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he has faithfully served since Ronald Reagan was elected president. As

House Science Committee chairman, he has been a leader promoting science, technology, engineering, and math education. He has worked to ensure that sound scientific principles are the bedrock of any related public policy decisions being made. He has put a priority on research and development to ensure that America remains competitive. And he has been a leading proponent of America's space exploration program.

In addition to all of his professional achievements, Chairman HALL has a great sense of humor. Congress can be a place of intense political maneuvering and infighting, and he always brings levity to tense situations with his wit and charm. He endears his colleagues to him on both sides of the aisle.

It is with great pride today that I congratulate my friend and colleague, RALPH HALL, on his distinguished career; his service to our country; and his leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. This body is better because of his service, and I wish him many more years of success and happiness.

MARV KAY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2012*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mr. Marv Kay for his service to our community and receiving the 2012 Mayor of Golden's Award for Excellence.

Marv's story is one of long-term dedication to the community of Golden. Through great amounts of perseverance Marv has served the community as mayor, mayor emeritus, serving chair of the Blue Ribbon, honorary co-chair of the 2012 Jefferson County Schools Mill and Bond Campaign, as a member of the Golden Good Government league, a mentor of numerous civic leaders, and a valued Colorado School of Mines leader and guide.

Marv continues to serve Golden, regardless of the hat he wears each day. Through his pure selflessness, he is committed to leading the town in the right direction towards success. Each community could benefit from having a member such as Marv advocating in their streets.

Mr. Marv Kay has been a champion in the community and I am honored to congratulate him on receiving the 2012 Mayor Award for Excellence. I am sure he will exhibit the same dedication and commitment in all his future endeavors.

HONORING HARLEM'S HISTORIAN  
AND BLACK FILMMAKER  
WILLIAM "BILL" MILES

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 29, 2012*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Harlem's historian and Black Filmmaker, William "Bill" Miles. William Miles was born in Harlem, New York, and has used his deep knowledge and experience of Harlem to produce films that tell unique and